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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

Quicquid agunt Homines nostri Farrago Libelli.

From *Thursday August* 18. to *Saturday August* 20. 1709.

Will's Coffee-house, August 19.

I Was this Evening repreſenting a Complaint ſent me out of the Country from *Emilia*. She ſays, her Neighbours there have ſo little Senſe of what a Refin'd Lady of the Town is, that ſhe who was a celebrated Wit in Town, is in that dull Part of the World in ſo little Eſteem, that they call her in their baſe Stile a *Tongue-Pad*. Old *Truepenny* bid me adviſe her to keep her Wit till ſhe comes to Town again, and admoniſh her, that both Wit and Breeding are local; for a Fine Court Lady is as aukward among Country Houſewives, as one of them would appear in a Drawing-Room. 'Tis therefore the moſt uſeful Knowledge one can attain at, to underſtand among what Sort of Men we make the beſt Figure; for if there be a Place where the beauteous and accompliſh'd *Emilia* is unacceptable, it is certainly a vain Endeavour to attempt pleaſing in all Converſations. Here is *Will. Ubi*, who is ſo thirſty after the Reputation of a Companion, that his Company is for any Body that will accept of it; and for Want of knowing whom to chuſe for himſelf, is never choſen by others. There is a certain Chaſtity of Behaviour which makes a Man deſirable, and which if he tranſgreſſes, his Wit will have the ſame Fate with *Delia*'s Beauty, which no one regards, becauſe all know it is within their Power. The beſt Courſe *Emilia* can take, is, to have leſs Humility; for if ſhe could have as good an Opinion of her ſelf for having every Quality, as ſome of her Neighbours have of themſelves with one, ſhe would inſpire ev'n them with a Senſe of her Merit, and make that Carriage (which is now the Subject of their Deriſion) the ſole Object of their Imitation. Till ſhe has arriv'd at this Value of her ſelf, ſhe muſt be contented with the Fate of that uncommon Creature, a Woman too humble.

White's Chocolate-Houſe, Auguſt 19.

Since my laſt, I have receiv'd a Letter from *Tom. Trump*, to deſire that I would do the Fraternity of Gameſters the Juſtice to own, that there are notorious Sharpers who are not of their Claſs. Among others, he preſented me with the Picture of *Harry Copperſmith* in Little, who (he ſays) is at this Day worth half a Plumb, by Means much more indirect than by falſe Dice. I muſt confeſs, there appear'd ſome Reaſon in what he aſſerted; and he met me ſince, and accoſted me in the following Manner: "It is wonderful to me, Mr. *Bickerſtaff*, 'that you can pretend to be a Man of Penetration, 'and fall upon us Knights of the Induſtry as the 'wickedeſt of Mortals, when there are ſo many who 'live in the conſtant Practice of baſer Methods un-'obſerv'd. You cannot (tho' you know the Story 'of my ſelf and the *North Briton*) but allow I 'am an honeſter Man than *Will. Copperſmith*, for all 'his great Credit among the *Lombards*. I get my 'Money by Men's Follies, and he gets his by their 'Diſtreſſes. The declining Merchant communicates his Griefs to him, and he augments them by 'Extortion. If therefore Regard is to be had to the 'Merit of the Perſons we injure, Who is the more 'blameable, he that oppreſſes an unhappy Man, or 'he that cheats a fooliſh one? All Mankind are 'indifferently liable to adverſe Strokes of Fortune; 'and he who adds to 'em, when he might relieve 'em, is certainly a worſe Subject, than he who 'unburdens a Man whoſe Proſperity is unweildy 'to him. Beſides all which, he that borrows of '*Copperſmith*, does it out of Neceſſity; he that plays 'with me, does it out of Choice. I allow'd *Trump* there are Men as bad as himſelf, which is the Height of his Pretenſions; and muſt confeſs, that *Copperſmith* is the moſt wicked and impudent of all Sharpers: A Creature that cheats with Credit, and is a Robber in the Habit of a Friend. The Contemplation of this worthy Perſon made me reflect on the wonderful Succeſſes I have obſerv'd Men of the meaneſt Capacities meet with in the World, and recollected an Obſervation I once heard a ſage Man make, which was, That he had obſerv'd, that in ſome Profeſſions, the lower the Underſtanding, the greater the Capacity. I remember, he inſtanc'd that of a Banker, and ſaid, That the fewer Appetites, Paſſions, and Idea's a Man had, he was the better for his Buſineſs. There is little Sir *Triſtram*, without Connexion in his Speech, or ſo much as common Senſe, has arriv'd by his own natural Parts at one of the greateſt Eſtates amongſt us. But honeſt Sir *Triſtram* knows himſelf to be but a Repoſitory for Caſh: He is himſelf ſuch an Utenſil as his Iron Cheſt, and may rather be ſaid to hold Money, than poſſeſs it. There is nothing ſo pleaſant as to be in the Converſation of theſe wealthy Proficients. I had lately the Honour to drink Half a Pint with Sir *Triſtram*, *Harry Copperſmith*, and *Giles Twoſhoes*. Theſe Wags give one another Credit in Diſcourſe according to their Purſes; they jeſt by the Pound, and make Anſwers as they honour Bills. Without Vanity, I thought my ſelf the Prettieſt Fellow of the Company; but I had no Manner of Power over one Muſcle in their Faces, tho' they ſneer'd at every Word ſpoken by each other. Sir *Triſtram* call'd for a Pipe of Tobacco; and telling us Tobacco was a *Pot-Herb*, bid the Drawer bring in t'other Half-Pint. *Twoſhoes* laugh'd at the Knight's Wit without Moderation. I took the Liberty to ſay, it was but a Pun. A Pun! ſays *Copperſmith*: You would be a better Man by 10000 *l.* if you could pun like Sir *Triſtram*. With that they all burſt out together. The Queer Curs maintain'd this Stile of Dialogue till we had drank our Quarts apiece by Half-Pints. All I could bring away with me, is, That *Twoſhoes* is not worth Twenty Thouſand Pounds; for his Mirth, tho' he was as inſipid as either of the others, had no more Effect upon the Company, than if he had been a Bankrupt.

From

From my own Apartment, August 19.

I have heard, it has been advis'd by a Dioceſan to his inferior Clergy, that inſtead of broaching Opinions of their own, and uttering Doctrines which may lead themſelves and Hearers into Errors, they would read ſome of the moſt celebrated Sermons printed by others for the Inſtruction of their Congregations. In Imitation of ſuch Preachers at Second-hand, I ſhall tranſcribe from *Bruyere* one of the moſt elegant Pieces of Raillery and Satyr which I have ever read. He deſcribes the *French*, as if ſpeaking of a People not yet diſcover'd, in the Air and Stile of a Traveller.

I have heard talk of a Country where the old Men are Gallant, Polite and Civil: The young Men, on the contrary, Stubborn, Wild, without either Manners or Civility. They are free from Paſſion for Women at the Age when in other Countries they begin to feel it; and prefer Beaſts, Victuals, and ridiculous Amours, before 'em. Amongſt theſe People, he is ſober who is never drunk with any Thing but Wine; the too frequent Uſe of it has render'd it flat and inſipid to 'em: They endeavour by Brandy, and other ſtrong Liquors, to quicken their Taſt, already extinguiſh'd, and want nothing to compleat their Debauches, but to drink Aqua Fortis. *The Women of that Country haſten the Decay of their Beauty, by their Artifices to preſerve it: They paint their Cheeks, Eyebrows, and Shoulders, which they lay open, together with their Breaſts, Arms, and Ears, as if they were afraid to hide thoſe Places which they think will pleaſe, and never think they ſhow enough of em. The Phyſiognomies of the People of that Country are not at all neat, but confus'd and embarraſs'd with a Bundle of ſtrange Hair, which they prefer before their natural: With this they weave ſomething to cover their Heads, which deſcends down half Way their Bodies, hides their Features, and hinders you from knowing Men by their Faces. This Nation has beſides this their God and their King. The Grandees go every Day at a certain Hour to a Temple they call a Church: At the upper End of that Temple there ſtands an Altar conſecrated to their God, where the Prieſt celebrates ſome Myſteries which they call holy, ſacred and tremendous. The great Men make a vaſt Circle at the Foot of the Altar, ſtanding with their Back to the Prieſt and the Holy Myſteries, and their Faces erected towards their King, who is ſeen on his Knees upon a Throne, and to whom they ſeem to direct the Deſires of their Hearts, and all their Devotion. However, in this Cuſtom there is to be remark'd a Sort of Subordination; for the People appear adoring their Prince, and their Prince adoring God. The Inhabitants of this Region call it.... 'Tis from Forty eight Degrees of Latitude, and more than Eleven hundred Leagues by Sea, from the* Iroquois *and* Hurons.

Letters from *Hamſtead* ſay, There is a Coxcomb arriv'd there of a Kind which is utterly new. The Fellow has Courage, which he takes himſelf to be oblig'd to give Proofs of every Hour he lives. He is ever fighting with the Men, and contradicting the Women. A Lady who ſent him to me, ſuperſcrib'd him with this Deſcription out of *Suckling*:

I am a Man of War and might,
And know thus much, that I can fight,
Whether I am i'th' Wrong or Right,
Devoutly.

No Woman under Heaven I fear,
New Oaths I can exactly ſwear;
And forty Healths my Brains will bear,
moſt ſtoutly.

St. James's Coffee-houſe, Auguſt 18.

Letters which arriv'd this Evening from *Oſtend* ſay, That it is expected the Treaty of Peace will forthwith be renew'd, and that Monſieur *de Torcy* is at preſent in the *French* Camp, with full Inſtructions from his Maſter to act in that Affair in ſuch a Manner as ſhall be ſatisfactory to the Confederates. Monſieur *Heems*, who is Miniſter to his Imperial Majeſty, upon receiving an Account of the Propoſals which will be made, went Poſt to the Court of *Vienna*. Theſe Advices add, That the Attack of the Citadel proceeded with as much Expedition as the Method of the Sap would admit.

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